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## Representative Lamar's Fine Speech on the Railroad Question.

It was a great speech which Representative W. B. Lamar of the Third Florida district made in congress last week in presenting the minority report of the interstate commerce committee on the bill to increase the powers of the interstate commerce commission.

It may be mentioned incidentally that this speech was really at the bottom of the Hearst-Sullivan sensation, an account of which was told by The Associated Press in The Journal yesterday morning. The minority report, which was signed by Representative Lamar and Representative Shackelford of Missouri, offered the Hearst bill as a substitute for the Davey bill reported by the committee, and Mr. Lamar's speech in support of the Hearst measure called for the comments from Representative Sullivan which led up to the sensation of Monday afternoon. This, however, has nothing to do with Mr. Lamar's address to the house of representatives, which was an able effort in every respect. In the minority report which Mr. Lamar presented, the following appears:

Any legislation at this time will fall far short of the work unless it shall provide:

1. Power to find a given rate unreasonable or unjust and to prescribe a reasonable or just rate to be substituted.
2. Power to prescribe a joint rate.
3. Power to eliminate unjust discrimination.
4. Power to stop rebates and secret cut rates.
5. Power to regulate private cars and private car lines.
6. Power to regulate terminals and terminal facilities.
7. Power to regulate freight classifications.
8. Power to compel the furnishing of equal facilities to all.
9. The preservation of competition between carriers and markets and a limitation upon the power of the commission to raise rates or prescribe minimum rates.
10. For facilitating a speedy conclusion of proceedings in courts and limiting litigation as far as the same may be done.

With a view to securing these remedies we herewith submit a substitute bill which we think amply meets the demands. The basis of the substitute we offer is the Hearst bill. It contains all of the provisions of the Davey bill, but it also goes much further in what we regard as required remedial legislation.

In support of this measure Mr. Lamar made one of the most forceful and comprehensive addresses that has been delivered during the present session of congress, and he met the questions and objections of its opponents with a readiness and completeness of answer that surprised even his friends.

The New York American of February 8 published Representative Lamar's speech in full with several excellent illustrations of that gentleman as he appeared during its delivery. For a new member, the distinguished representative from the third district of Florida is making himself felt in congress to a degree which many members who have served there for years have never approached.

## The Governor and the Everglades.

(The Jacksonville Sun.)

Governor Broward is going about the settlement of the question of the Everglades in the proper manner. Nay, more, he is going about the matter in the only way by which success is possible—the personal inspection way.

Time was when we doubted the ability of the governor to accomplish the fulfillment of his pledges. It seemed too much to hope for and we said so. It seems to us still, to be a formidable undertaking. There is one reason why we begin to think he may succeed.

The reason is the remarkable canvass and campaign made by Napoleon B. Broward.

Whatever quota of the impossible a man accomplishes tends to induce a belief that he can accomplish more. With each gain in results attained by any man, the public looks for more results.

This is inevitable. There is guerdon of success except the success that has gone before. By their fruits we know them.

The best recommendation a man can have is the statement that he has already accomplished something. It is an ingrowing recommendation, for it commends the man himself. It gives him confidence and confidence is the courier-avant of future usefulness.

Given a bold plan reinforced by the consciousness of confidence and there is lacking only one requisite to final triumph.

That requisite is a system. To know how a thing ought to be done and to go about it in a way which will insure its doing, is as important as to have the mental initiative in the matter. In other words, the man who talks or even the man who plans does only half—if indeed, does half—of the work which fate has put before him. The man who carries out the details after he has planned and talked is the sure winner.

And so we iterate the statement that the best guarantee which has been given us by Governor Broward that he will save the Everglade lands for the people of this state is the tour of inspection which he is making at present.

Like the other wise Napoleon who inspected the grand army by night, as it slept beside the camp-fires that he might the better know how to govern and inspire the forces he controlled, the governor of the state of Florida walks abroad and observes.

More power to his eyesight.

If the Swayne case drags along until March 4 Pensacolians in attendance as witnesses will at least have the satisfaction of enjoying the inaugural ceremonies at the expense of Uncle Sam, which will probably do much to offset their sufferings from the frigid weather of the national capital.

Don't blame the weather man too severely. He probably did as well as he could under the circumstances.

A man named Looney has been elected treasurer of an airship company. Rather appropriate name, isn't it?

"A man has been discovered out in Michigan who really believes that Tom Platt will be expelled from the United States senate for a violation of the anti-trust laws. That man evidently has a whole lot to discover before he dies," remarks the Jacksonville Times-Union.

## The United States' Fiat Is Law on This Continent

By ELIHU ROOT.  
Ex-Secretary of War



THE questions which are liable to arise under the assertion of the Monroe doctrine will not come by a frontal attack, by any broad and unqualified denial of our right to maintain that doctrine as a rule of national safety. In the long process of years I think we can safely say that there has been gradually accumulated such a weight of assent upon the part of foreign nations to our right to assert AND MAINTAIN this doctrine that it is no longer open to question.

But the way in which cause of war may arise will be, if at all, by the conflict of rights—the existence of rights on the part of foreign powers against American republics and the result of the enforcement of those rights of foreign powers against the American republics COMING IN CONFLICT WITH THIS DOCTRINE which we assert for our own safety and preservation.

All sovereignty in this world is held upon the condition of performing the duties of sovereignty; that the citizens of other powers are protected within the territory; that the rules of international law are observed; that NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS are faithfully kept. And while we assert that we are entitled to say that no foreign power shall undertake to control an American republic, that no foreign power shall take possession, with or without the will of an American people, of their territory, that assertion is justified ONLY UPON THE SAME CONDITIONS.

We don't undertake to say that the republics of Central and South America are to be relieved from their international obligations. We don't undertake to say that the powers of Europe shall not enforce their rights against these members of the sisterhood of nations.

It is only when the enforcement of those rights comes to the point of taking possession of the territory of any American people that we say that it is inconsistent with the peace and safety of the United States.

AND WE CANNOT SAY IT WITH JUSTICE UNLESS WE ALSO SAY THAT THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS ARE THEMSELVES TO BE JUST.

The most extreme declaration of the Monroe doctrine which I know of was made by Mr. Cleveland in his letter at the time of the Venezuela boundary question in 1895, when he said, "Today the United States is practically sovereign on this continent, and its fiat is law upon the subject to which it finds its interposition." The tremendous scope and meaning of those words for the weak little republics of Central and South America cannot be exaggerated.

THE UNITED STATES IS SOVEREIGN TODAY ON THIS CONTINENT, AND ITS FIAT IS LAW.

## The War In the East Should Be Stopped at Once

By RABBI H. PEREIRA MENDES, President Orthodox Jewish Congregation of the United States and Canada

EVERY day that the Christian nations permit to pass without ending the cruel eastern war is AN INSULT TO CHRISTIANITY. For that war is a denial of love, it gives the lie to peace, it mocks good will. In its presence, faith, whether faith in God or faith in man's idealism, flies weeping from the earth. Hope hides her face AND THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY IS CRUSHED.

Shall you wring your hands in powerless anguish and say: "What can be done?" "What can we do?" Enough that we OUGHT TO DO something in the name of religion, in the name of righteousness. This alone should be sufficient to spur us on to make the attempt. To ATTEMPT to achieve the right in such a case makes success more possible in the future.

I would leave to others the mode of action in the present crisis. I say crisis, for it is A CRISIS IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY now called upon to declare whether or not its stand for "peace and good will" is phrase or fact.

My own thought is that EVERY congregation throughout the land should protest against this cruel war in the name of the heroes who are fighting, in the name of the wounded who are suffering, in the name of the widows who are weeping, in the name of the orphans who are mourning.

That protest should be forwarded to our government. The hearts of our kith and kin across the sea beat as do our hearts. The same emotions stir them. THE SAME IDEALS THRILL THEM. Who knows but that, therefore, other nations would clothe with words the public opinion which would inspire their governments TO UNITE WITH OURS, not only to stop the present outrageous war, but to prevent any wars in the future?

WAR IS AN ANACHRONISM. IT CAN NEVER BE JUSTIFIED ANY MORE THAN TWO CIVILIZED MEN CAN BE JUSTIFIED IN RESORTING TO FORCE INSTEAD OF RESORTING TO COURTS OF LAW.

## America Needs a School of Diplomacy

By MRS. WADDINGTON, Wife of England's Ambassador to France

I THINK that with the coming generation of WEALTHY SONS OF WEALTHY FATHERS in this country a greater number of them will seek diplomatic careers. This will mean—it will encourage—the formation of a school of diplomacy such as exists in EVERY European country.

A school of diplomacy is one of the MOST CRYING NEEDS of the American republic now that it has made its voice heard in the concert of nations.

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## WHY RAILROADS OBJECT TO TOWNSEND-ESCH BILL.

Savannah News.

The main reason why the railroads are fighting that feature of the Townsend-Esch bill which gives the Interstate Commerce Commission power to make reasonable rates in cases where it finds rates are unreasonable, is the fear that if the bill should become a law the people would demand a general reduction of rates. It may be that some people would at once lodge complaints with the commission, asking for reduced rates, but if the commission were composed of men of character and ability these complaints would not be granted. The aim of the proposed legislation isn't to bring about a general reduction of rates. As a rule, there is no complaint of the rates. The complaint is against the rebate evil and the discriminations against localities. If the railroads hadn't so persistently refused to obey the law prohibiting rebates and discriminations they wouldn't now be confronted with such a measure as the Townsend-Esch bill. There is no disposition on the part of the government or the people to force a general reduction of rates. All that is asked of the railroads is that there shall be no favoritism. The sense of justice rebels against a condition of things by which a trust is built up and great fortunes made at the expense of the independent and small shippers. Of course the railroads say they have to give rebates in order to get business—that if one road doesn't give the rebate another will. It is for them to find a way to avoid injuring each other. In their fight for business the public shouldn't be injured, and, as a matter of fact, the public doesn't intend to submit to being injured.

While there is no demand now for general reduction of railroad rates, there is a demand that the rates of what are known as private car lines shall be reduced. According to accounts, the rates of these lines are unreasonable. Thinking themselves beyond the reach of any restraining authority, they don't hesitate, if complaints count for anything, to put on traffic all it will bear, and even more. It often happens that the peach growers of this state don't get more for a car load of peaches than the amount of the transportation charges, and that, too, when the peach market is a pretty good one—at least that is the report that comes from the peach section of this state.

It would be a good thing if the private car lines could be done away with, or that such lines should be put within the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. If provision isn't made for their control in the Townsend-Esch bill the bill ought to be amended in that respect.

Unaccountable Surprise.  
"Some men never learn by experience."

"That's true," answered young Mrs. Perkins. "Charley is just as much surprised every time he loses at the races as if it had never happened before."—Washington Star.

Discriminating Maid.  
Mrs. Madison—Your new maid appears to be rather refined. Mrs. Parkwest—Yes; she's a little out of the common. She never breaks anything but the costliest cut glass and the choicest Dresden.—Chicago Journal.

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